



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Washington, D.C. 20240



IN REPLY REFER TO:  
FWS-2019-01000

September 24, 2019

Via email: [74416-37376720@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:74416-37376720@requests.muckrock.com)

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Dear Ms. Best,

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office received your request dated May 30, 2019 and assigned it tracking number FWS-2019-00974. Please refer to this number in communications regarding this request.

You requested the following:

*“Documents mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defines as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between 1 January 2009, including but not limited to:*

- Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism*
- Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists*
- Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism sent to or received from any federal law enforcement or intelligence agencies or any fusion center*
- Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups*
- Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or "dox" (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists”*

## Response

We are writing to respond to your request. After a thorough search of our files, it has been determined that the FWS has no records responsive to your request.

Cathy Willis, FWS FOIA Officer is responsible for this denial.

### **Mediation Services**

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

You may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Cathy Willis, FWS FOIA Officer, at (720) 425-5173.

### **APPEAL RIGHTS**

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

**Your appeal must be made in writing.** You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the FWS' response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and FWS concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and FWS' response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and FWS will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

*DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information*

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Office of the Solicitor  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
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Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339  
Fax: (202) 208-6677  
Email: [FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov](mailto:FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov)

**CONCLUSION**

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Barbara Beckett, by email at [fwhq\\_foia@fws.gov](mailto:fwhq_foia@fws.gov), or by mail at the following address: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: Cathy Willis; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA 22041.

Sincerely,

For Cathy Willis  
FWS FOIA Officer